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BY: Louise Drain

DATE: August 25, 2003 #39

PATENT
MAIL STOP PETITION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: U.S. Patent No. 4,964,736

Patent Date: October 23, 1990

Appl. No.: 07/331,091

Filing Date: March 27, 1989

For: IMMERSION MEASURING
PROBE FOR USE IN MOLTEN
METALS

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925-145RX

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02 FC:1558 PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.378(c) TO
REINSTATE AN UNINTENTIONALLY EXPIRED PATENT

Electro-Nite Co, the assignee of the above-identified patent, by its undersigned attorney, hereby petitions the Commissioner to accept an unintentionally delayed maintenance fee payment for the above patent, and to reinstate the patent under 35 U.S.C. §41(c)(1). The third (eleven and one-half year) maintenance fee for the above patent was due to be paid on April 24, 2002, and the six-month grace period and hence the patent, expired on October 23, 2002. This Petition is being filed within the twenty-four month period after the six month period provided in C.F.R. §1.362(e).

In support of this Petition, assignee submits the following in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1,378(c):

1. Enclosed is a Maintenance Fee Transmittal Form and a check in the amount of \$4,790. This checks represents the third maintenance due in the amount of \$3,150.00 and the surcharge in the amount of \$1,640.00 as set forth 37 C.F.R. 1.20(i)(2). The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees due or credit any payment to our

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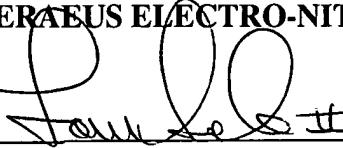
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2. The undersigned hereby affirms that the entire delay in payment of the second maintenance fee was unintentional.

In view of the above, granting of this Petition, acceptance of the delayed payment of the maintenance fee, and reinstatement of the above patent are appropriate and are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosed herewith is the payment of the maintenance fee(s) for the listed patent(s).

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* Information required by 37 CFR 1.366(c)(columns 1 & 5). Information requested under 37 CFR 1.366(d) (columns 2-4 & 6-9)

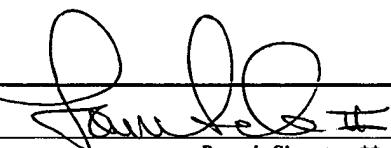
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